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STAR WARS

DARTH VADER



THE SHU-TORUN WAR

It is a time of rebuilding for the Empire. After the Death Star's destruction, Darth Vader, the Emperor's chief enforcer, struggled to keep his place after he was seemingly pitted against the operatives of the cyborg specialist, Cylo.

To regain allegiance from the planet Shu-Torun, Vader assassinated the royal family and placed its youngest daughter, Trios, on the throne. Nevertheless, talk of rebellion persisted. Tasked to intervene, Vader brought further destruction to the ore-rich planet and promised more if submission was not given.

Meanwhile, Vader's secret ally, Dr. Aphra, remains in the hands of rebels, and the Dark Lord has issued a bounty for her recovery....

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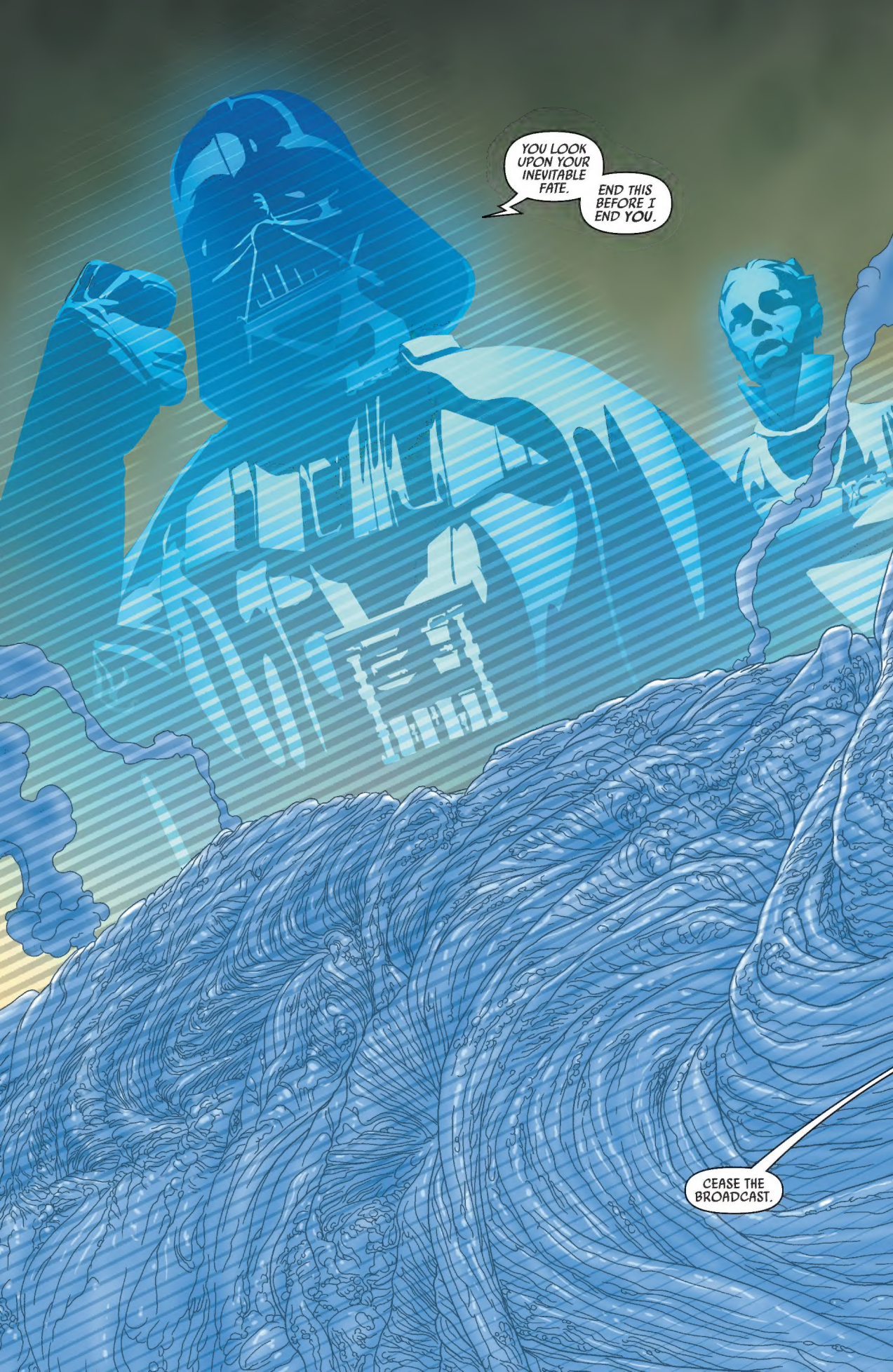
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YOU LOOK
UPON YOUR
INEVITABLE
FATE.

END THIS
BEFORE I
END YOU.

CEASE THE
BROADCAST.



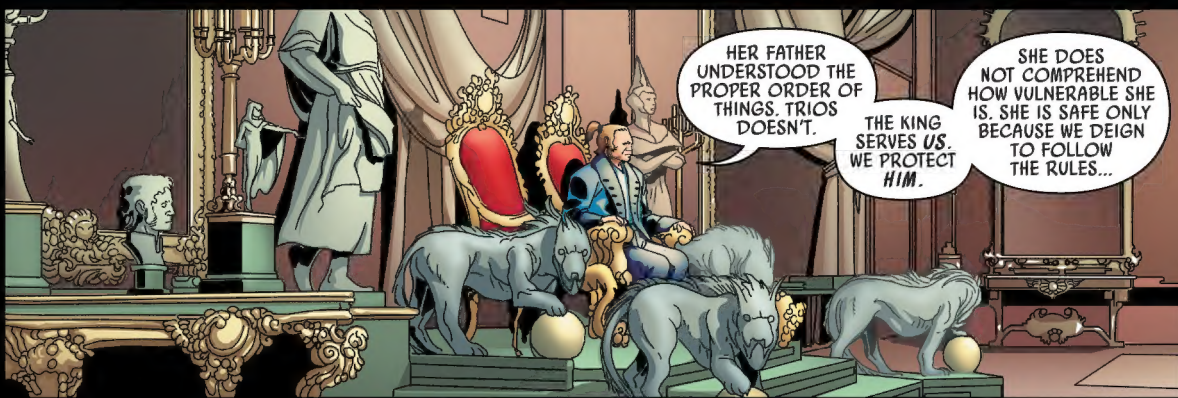
THEY DO NOT
UNDERSTAND
WHO WE ARE.

WHAT DO WE
DO, BARON
RUBIX?



THE ORE
BARONS HAVE
FORGED AND
HARDENED PHRIK
FOR BONES.

WE BUILD
PALACES WHERE
OTHERS WOULD
STRUGGLE TO
EVEN MINE.



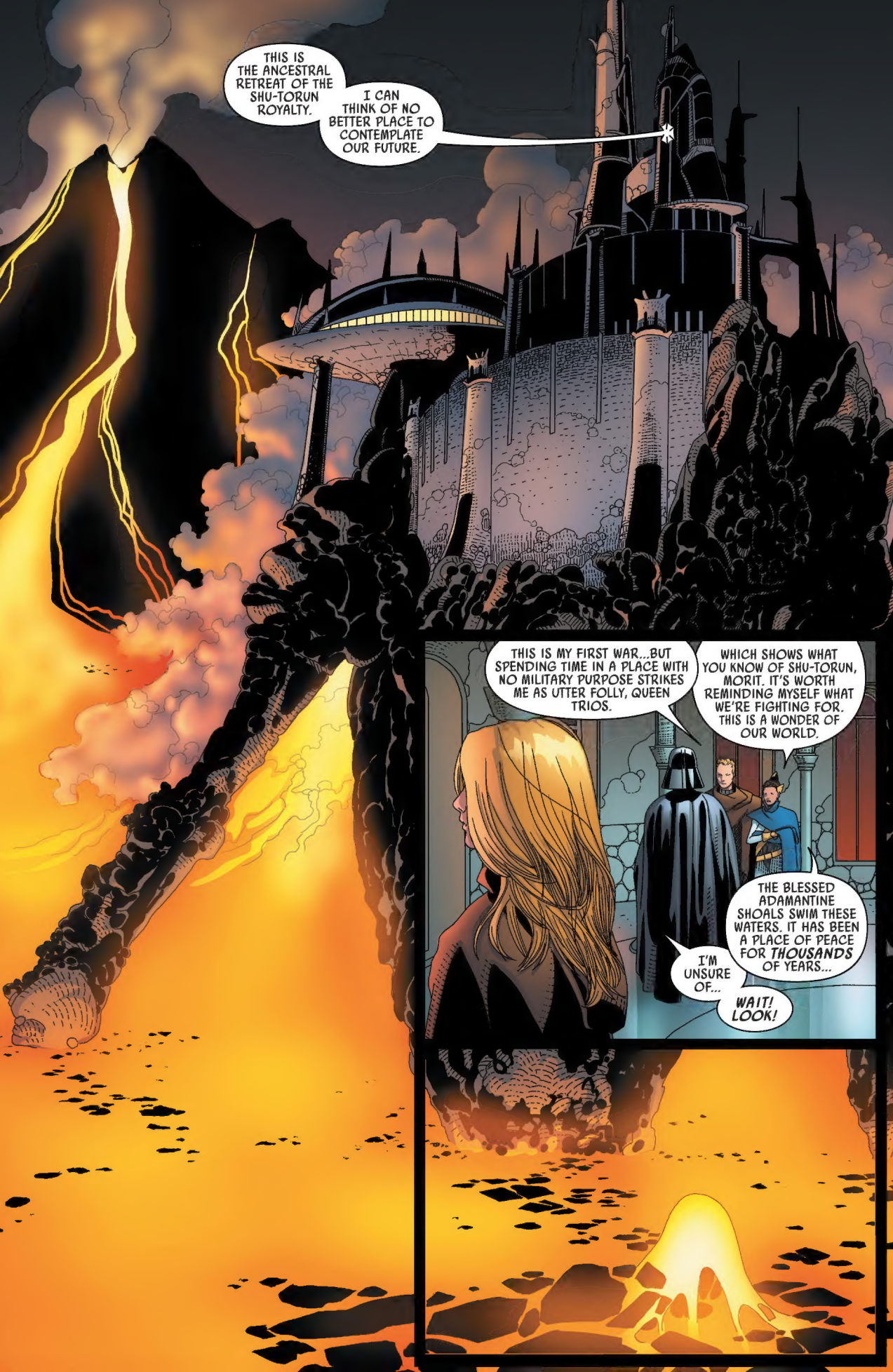
HER FATHER
UNDERSTOOD THE
PROPER ORDER OF
THINGS. TRIOS
DOESN'T.

THE KING
SERVES US.
WE PROTECT
HIM.

SHE DOES
NOT COMPREHEND
HOW VULNERABLE SHE
IS. SHE IS SAFE ONLY
BECAUSE WE DEIGN
TO FOLLOW
THE RULES...



SHE MUST BE
REMINDED.

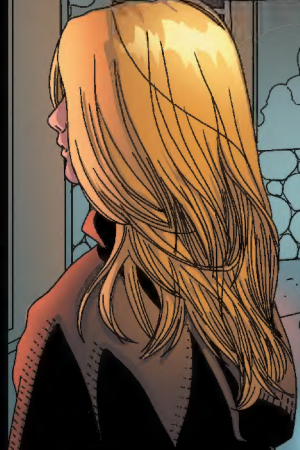


THIS IS THE ANCESTRAL RETREAT OF THE SHU-TORUN ROYALTY.

I CAN THINK OF NO BETTER PLACE TO CONTEMPLATE OUR FUTURE.

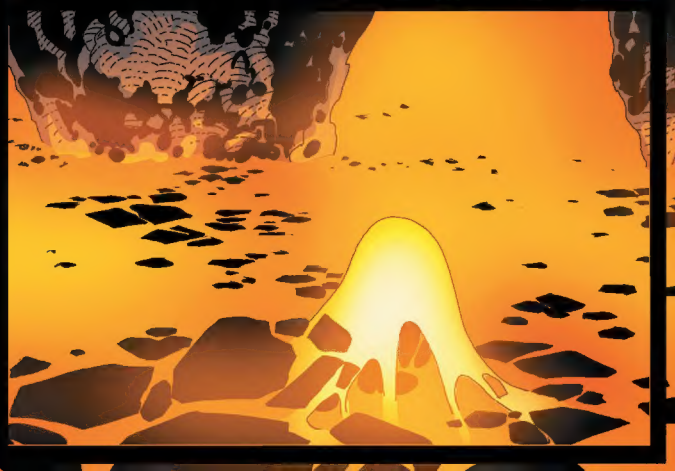
THIS IS MY FIRST WAR...BUT SPENDING TIME IN A PLACE WITH NO MILITARY PURPOSE STRIKES ME AS UTTER FOLLY, QUEEN TRIOS.

WHICH SHOWS WHAT YOU KNOW OF SHU-TORUN, MORIT. IT'S WORTH REMINDING MYSELF WHAT WE'RE FIGHTING FOR. THIS IS A WONDER OF OUR WORLD.

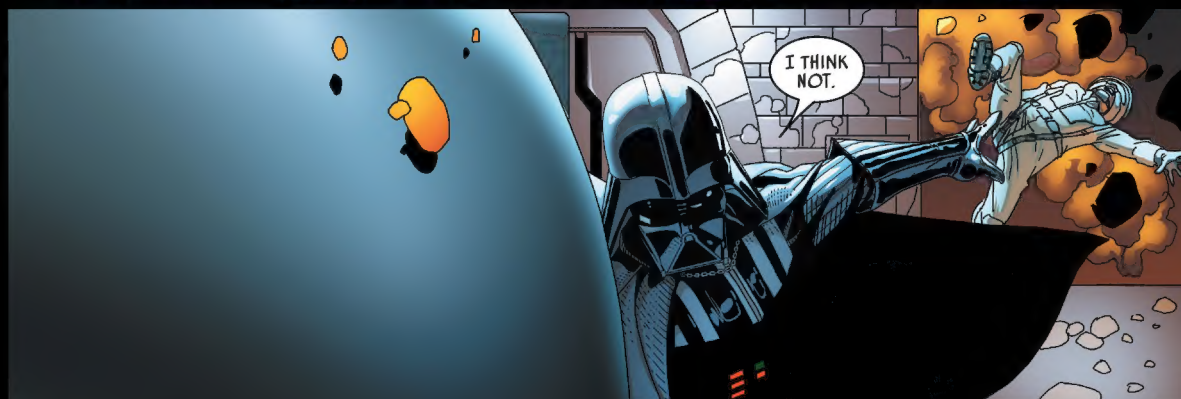
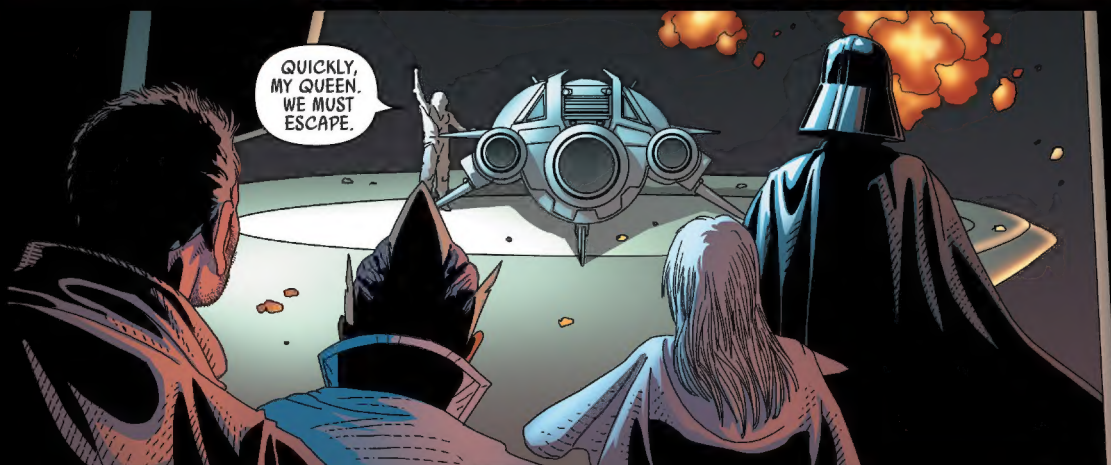
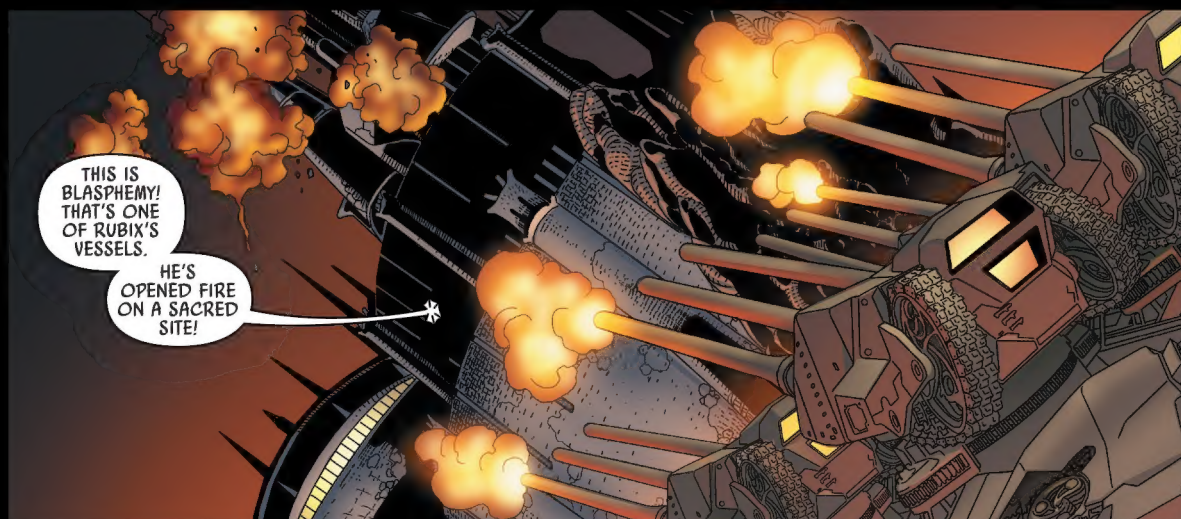


THE BLESSED ADAMANTINE SHOALS SWIM THESE WATERS. IT HAS BEEN A PLACE OF PEACE FOR *THOUSANDS* OF YEARS...

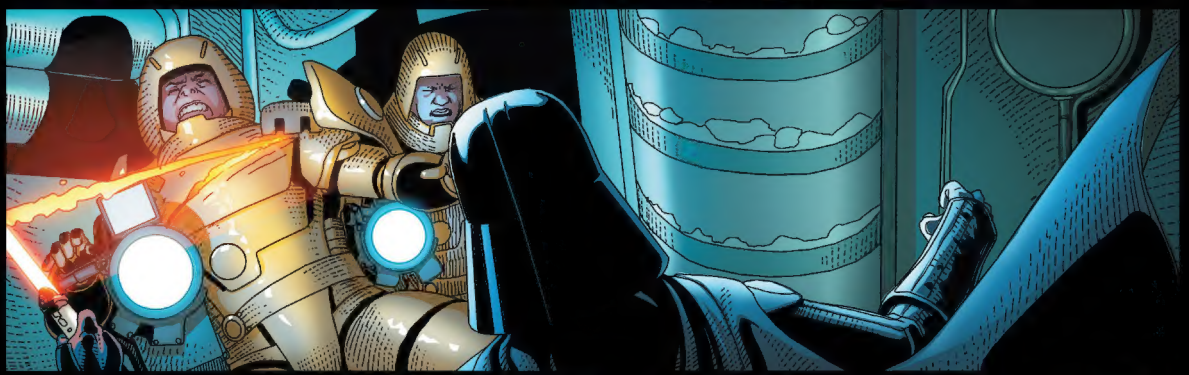
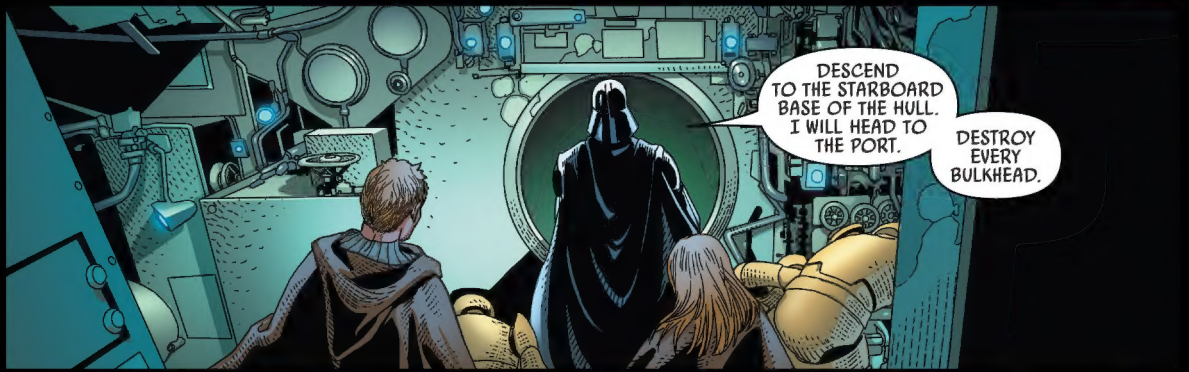
I'M UNSURE OF...
WAIT! LOOK!

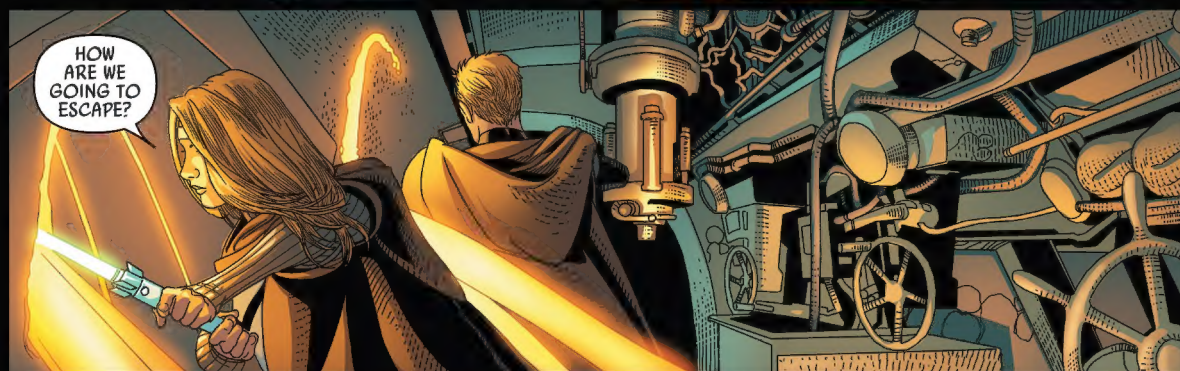


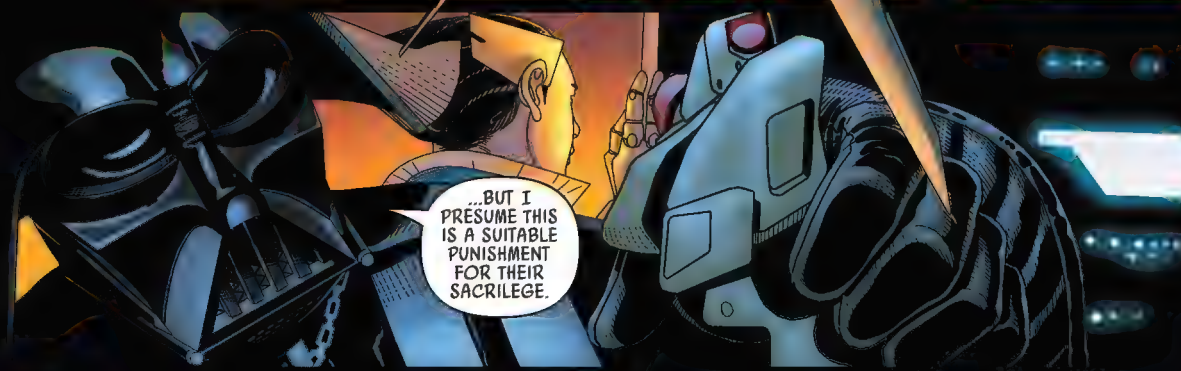






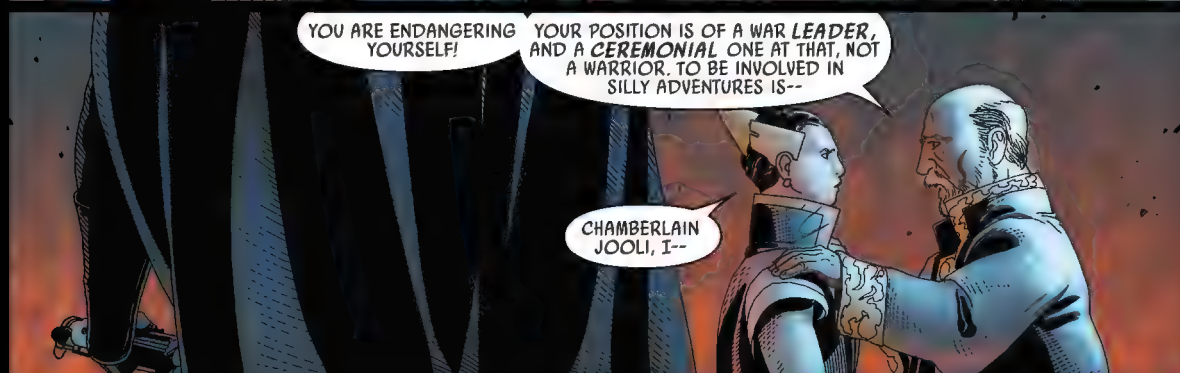








MY QUEEN!
WHAT IS THIS
IDIOCY?! THIS
FOOLISHNESS?!



YOU ARE ENDANGERING
YOURSELF!

YOUR POSITION IS OF A WAR LEADER,
AND A CEREMONIAL ONE AT THAT, NOT
A WARRIOR. TO BE INVOLVED IN
SILLY ADVENTURES IS--

CHAMBERLAIN
JOOI, I--



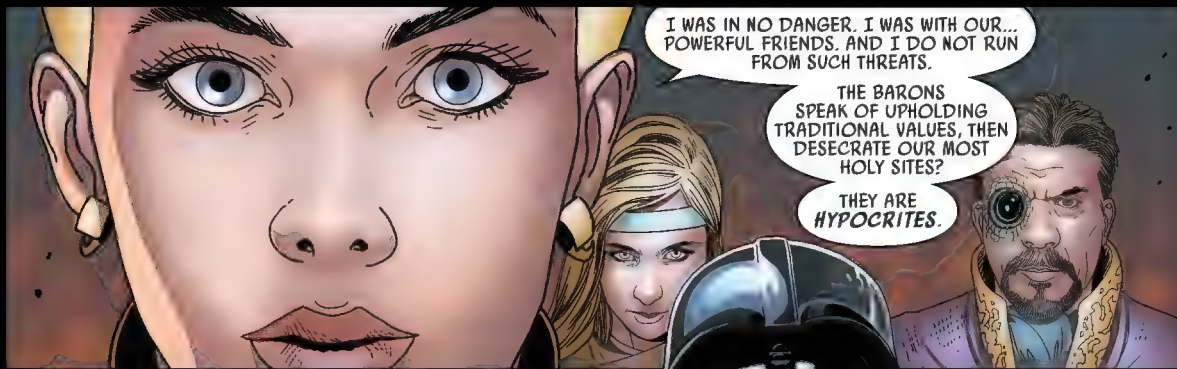
YOUR
WORDS PUT
YOU IN GREATER
DANGER THAN
THE QUEEN
EVER WAS.



I...I...

THANK
YOU, LORD
VADER.

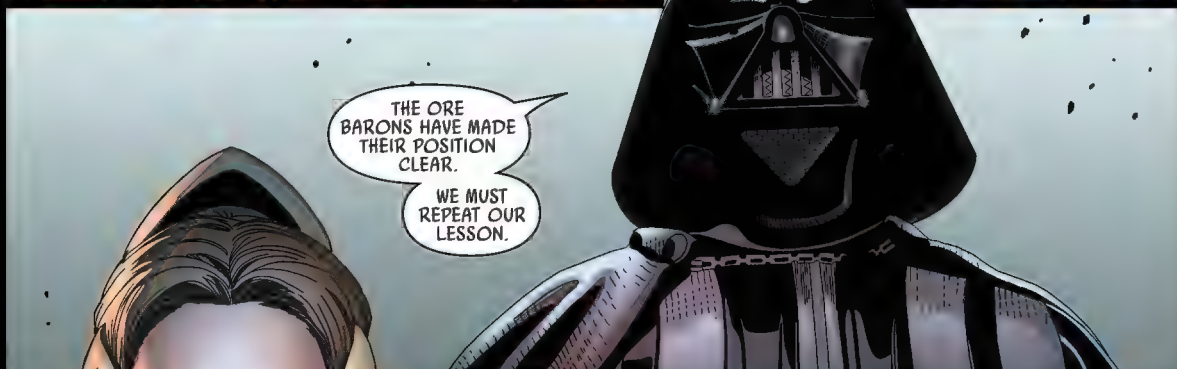
I'M SURE
JOOI WAS MERELY
SPEAKING IN HIGH
SPIRITS.



I WAS IN NO DANGER. I WAS WITH OUR...
POWERFUL FRIENDS. AND I DO NOT RUN
FROM SUCH THREATS.

THE BARONS
SPEAK OF UPHOLDING
TRADITIONAL VALUES, THEN
DESECRATE OUR MOST
HOLY SITES?

THEY ARE
HYPOCRITES.



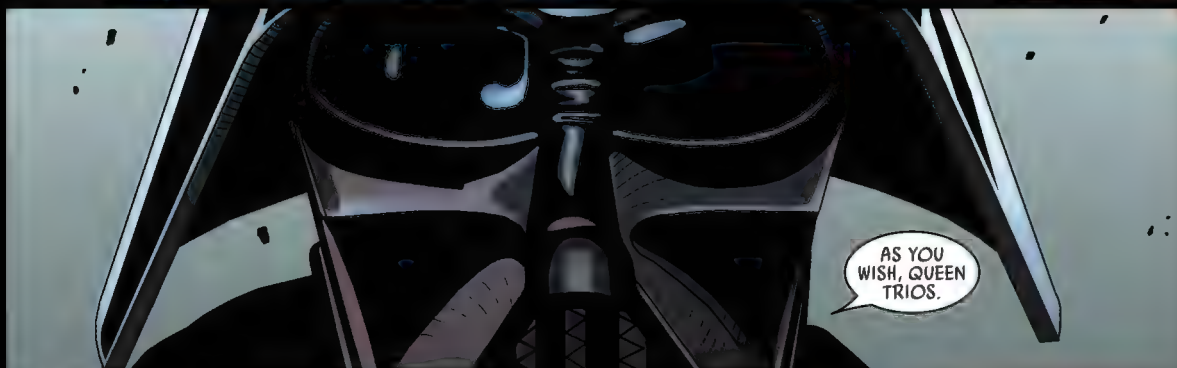
THE ORE
BARONS HAVE MADE
THEIR POSITION
CLEAR.

WE MUST
REPEAT OUR
LESSON.

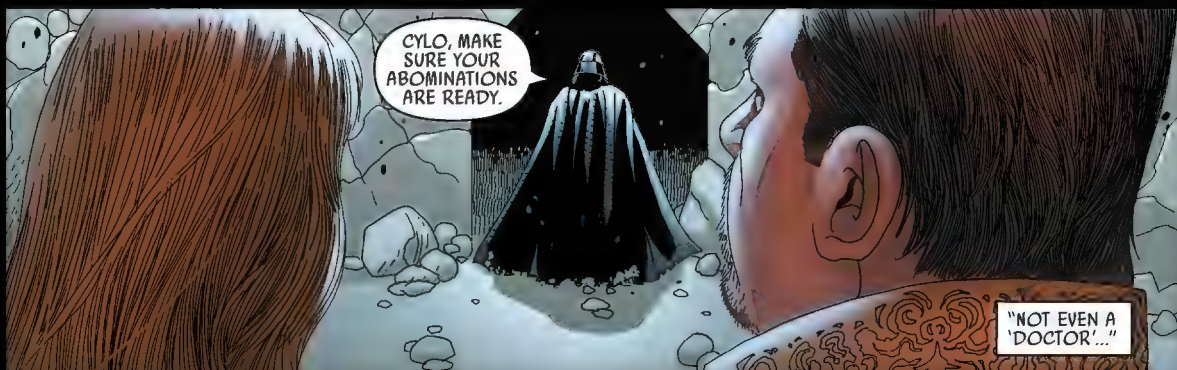


THE VESSEL
SHE BELONGED
TO LORD
RUBIX.

I BELIEVE *HIS*
SHOULD BE THE NEXT
DELVING-CITADEL TO
RECEIVE AN IMPERIAL
EDUCATION.



AS YOU
WISH, QUEEN
TRIOS.



CYLO, MAKE
SURE YOUR
ABOMINATIONS
ARE READY.

"NOT EVEN A
'DOCTOR'..."



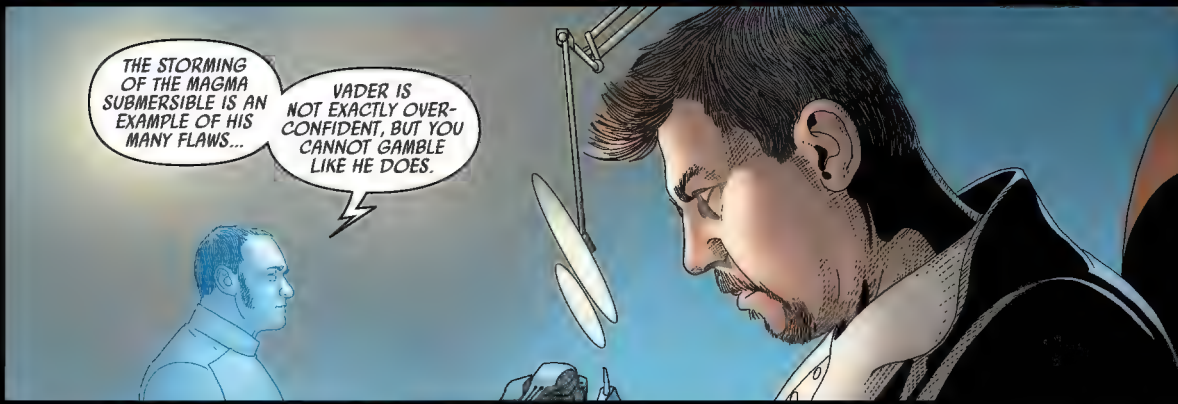


EXACTLY AS FRUSTRATING AS YOU'D EXPECT.

I AM NOT FOOL ENOUGH TO DENY THAT VADER IS GREAT...

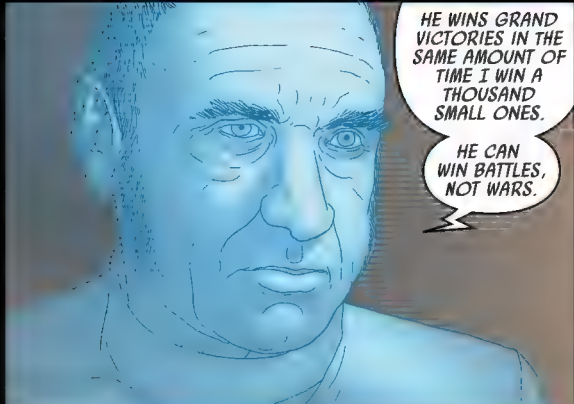


...BUT GREAT IS NOT GOOD.



THE STORMING OF THE MAGMA SUBMERSIBLE IS AN EXAMPLE OF HIS MANY FLAWS...

VADER IS NOT EXACTLY OVER-CONFIDENT, BUT YOU CANNOT GAMBLE LIKE HE DOES.



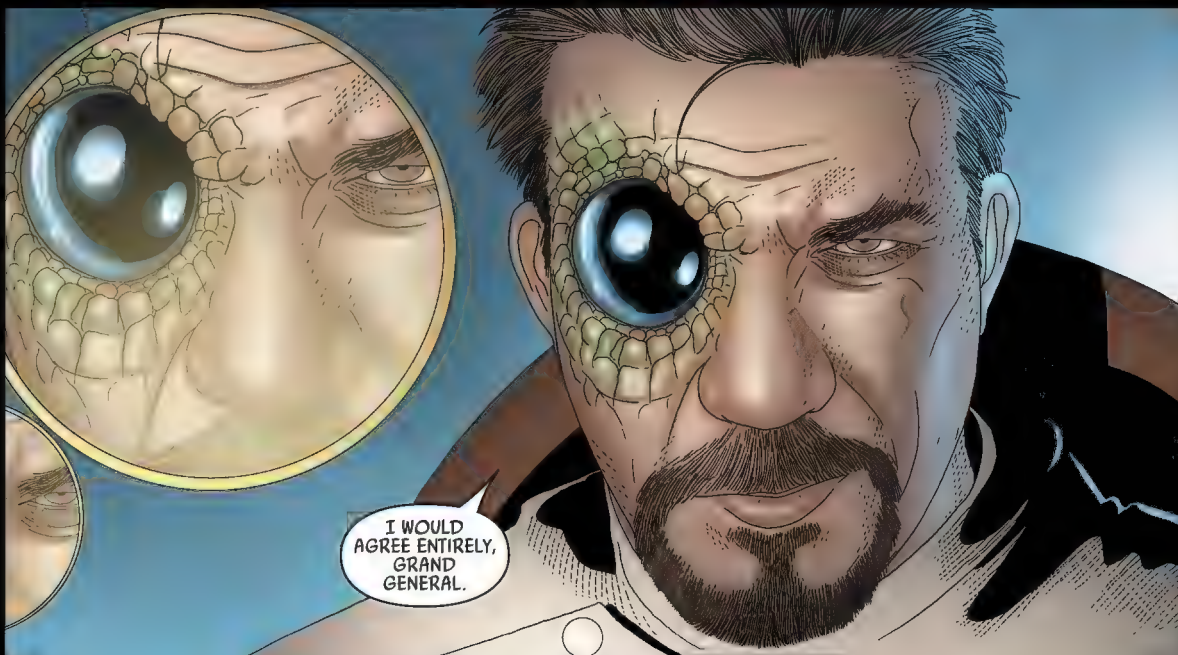
HE WINS GRAND VICTORIES IN THE SAME AMOUNT OF TIME I WIN A THOUSAND SMALL ONES.

HE CAN WIN BATTLES, NOT WARS.



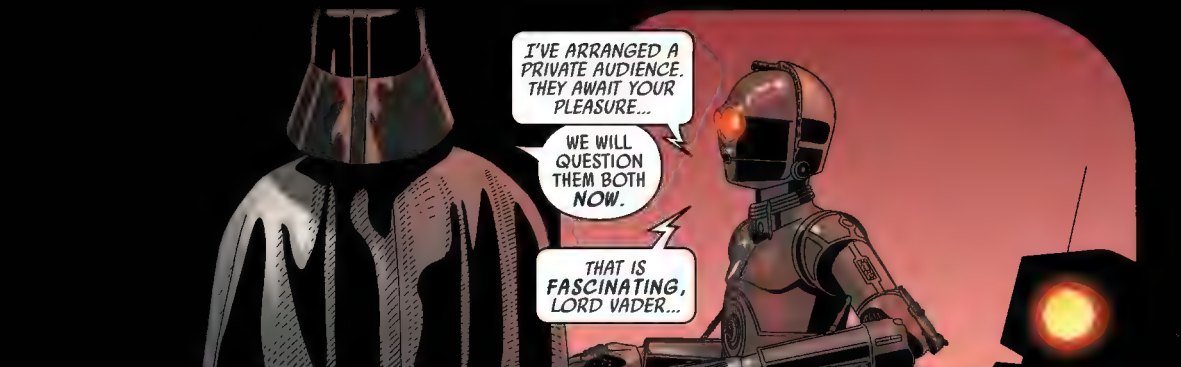
CLEARLY, THIS CAMPAIGN MUST END FAVORABLY...

BUT IT WOULD BE GOOD IF IT WAS SEEN THAT IT IS THE EMPIRE WHO TRIUMPHS, NOT VADER.



I WOULD AGREE ENTIRELY, GRAND GENERAL.

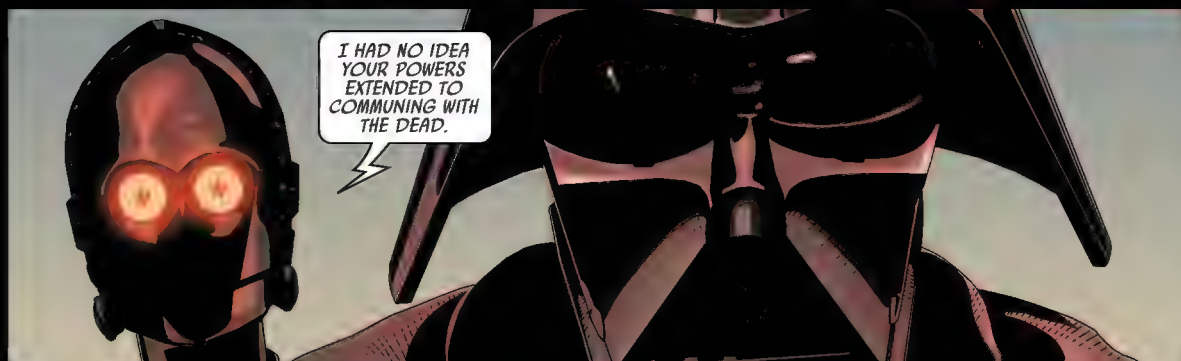




I'VE ARRANGED A
PRIVATE AUDIENCE.
THEY AWAIT YOUR
PLEASURE...

WE WILL
QUESTION
THEM BOTH
NOW.

THAT IS
FASCINATING,
LORD VADER...



I HAD NO IDEA
YOUR POWERS
EXTENDED TO
COMMUNING WITH
THE DEAD.



TAKE ME
TO HER.
IMMEDIATELY.

LORD
VADER...

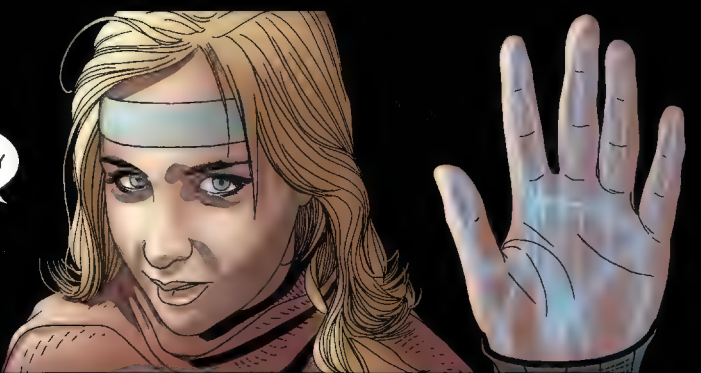


WHEN
WE FIGHT, WHO
WILL WIN?

YOUR GAUDY
MECHANICAL TRICKERY
IS NOTHING COMPARED
WITH THE POWER OF
THE FORCE.

YOU
MISUNDERSTAND.

I WASN'T
TALKING ABOUT
YOU.

A close-up of Padmé Amidala with her right hand raised, palm facing forward. She has a determined expression.

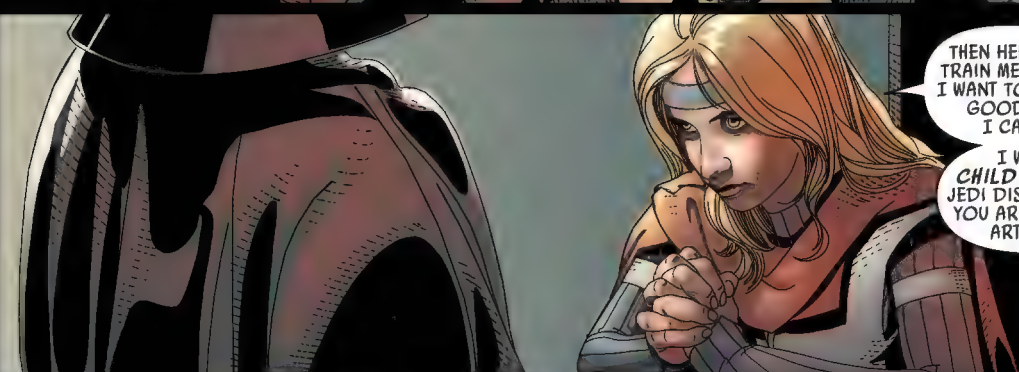
MY
BROTHER
AND I.

THERE
CAN BE ONLY
ONE.

A close-up of Darth Vader's helmeted face, looking down at Padmé. The background shows an ornate building.

YOU HAVE
BEEN SOLD
A FANTASY,
CHILD.

THERE IS
NO FUTURE
FOR EITHER
OF YOU.

A medium shot of Padmé pleading with her hands clasped, looking up at Vader's helmet.

THEN HELP ME.
TRAIN ME. SPAR.
I WANT TO BE AS
GOOD AS
I CAN.

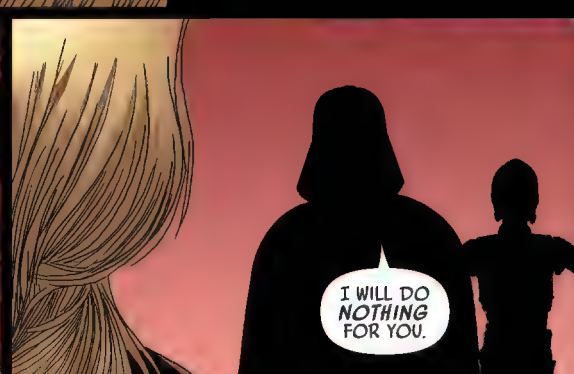
I WAS A
CHILD WHEN THE
JEDI DISAPPEARED.
YOU ARE A LIVING
ARTIFACT.

A close-up of Padmé's face, looking directly at the viewer with a serious expression.

IF THOSE
TIMES CAN NEVER
LIVE AGAIN, LET US
HONOR THAT MARTIAL
MEMORY AS BEST
WE CAN.

A close-up of Vader's gloved hand holding a lightsaber hilt.

THE LESSONS
I HAVE TO TEACH
WOULD BE OF NO
USE TO YOU.

A wide shot showing the silhouettes of Vader and Padmé against a red sunset sky.

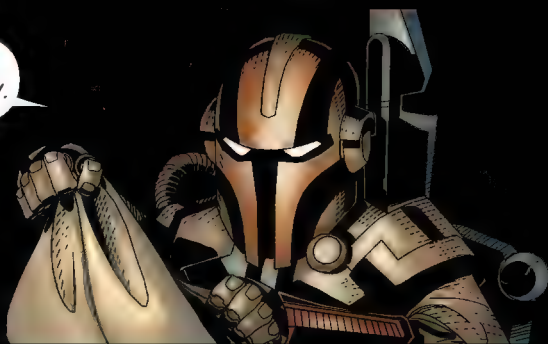
I WILL DO
NOTHING
FOR YOU.



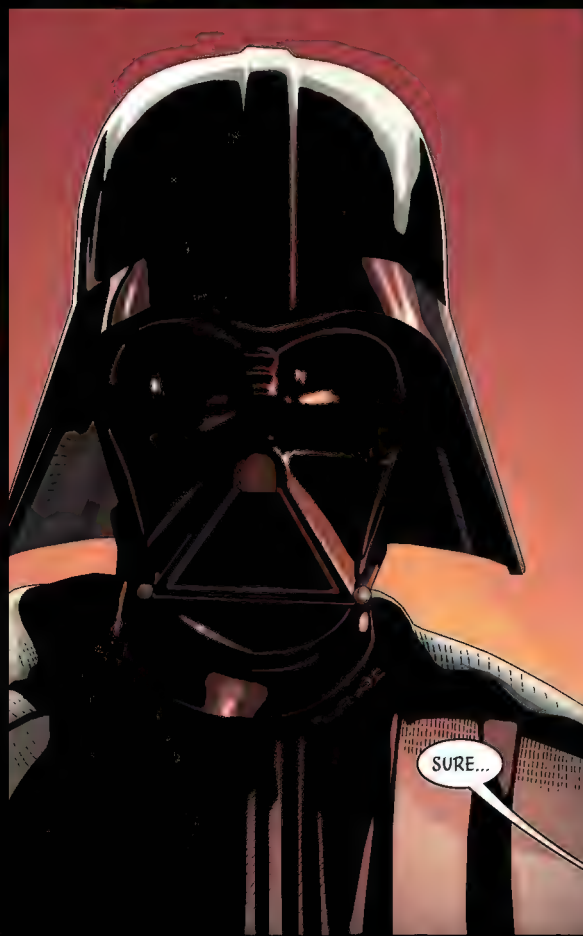
WHERE IS SHE?

DARTH V-VADER.

I DIDN'T KNOW IT WAS YOUR BOUNTY. I...



YOU HAD NO NEED TO. SHOW ME.



SURE...

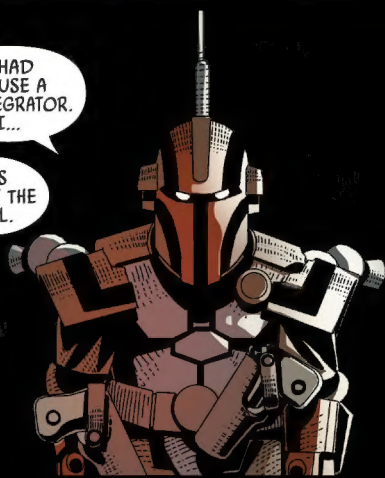


...THOUGH
SHE'S SEEN
BETTER
DAYS.



I HAD
TO USE A
DISINTEGRATOR.
I...

THIS
IS NOT THE
GIRL.





IT IS!
I WOULDN'T
LIE TO
YOU!

I--

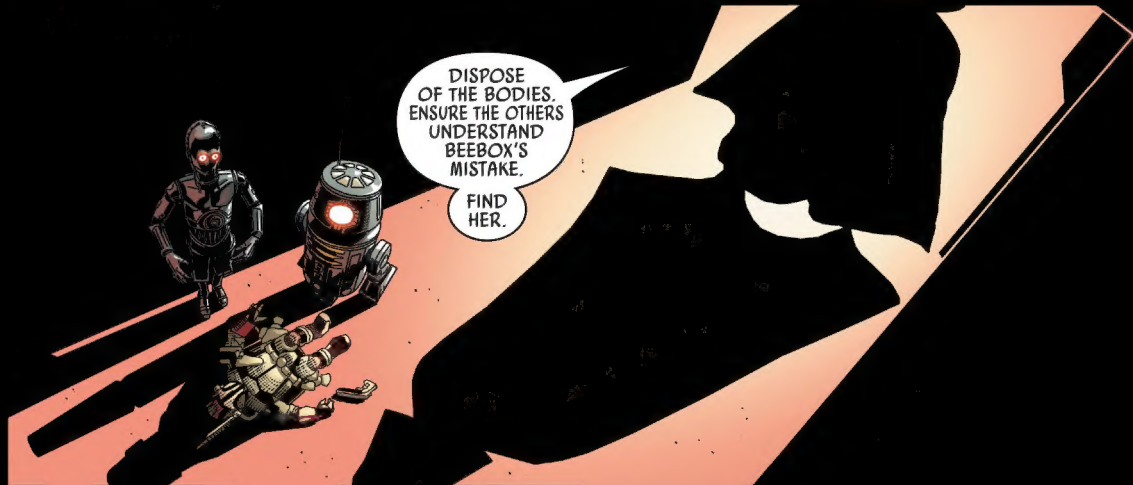
YOU
WOULD.



YOU
DID.



THIS IS
NOT A MISTAKE
ONE REPEATS,
BOUNTY
HUNTER.



DISPOSE
OF THE BODIES.
ENSURE THE OTHERS
UNDERSTAND
BEEBOX'S
MISTAKE.

FIND
HER.



DARTH VADER

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